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## Annapolis Environmental Commission

February 4, 2015

The Annapolis Environmental Commission (AEC) held its regular meeting on February 4, 2015 at 145 Gorman Street, Conference Room 3. **Chair** Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:09p.m.

**Present:** **Chair** Murphy, **Vice Chair** Kissel, Weber, Powell, Kiraly, Butler, Dr. Riegel, Buchheister, O'Leary

**Staff Present:** Broadbent, Biba

**Guest Present:** David Barker (Beechwood Hill HOA), Tracy McGranaghan-(Primrose Hill), Suzanne Pogell

## II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/VISITOR INTRODUCTION

### Primrose Hill Project

Ms. McGranaghan raised questions regarding the latest variance request for the Primrose Hill project (Milkshake Lane Property) relating to a request from the developer to remove additional trees. She expressed concern that there has been no mitigation for the 77 trees that have already been removed. She provided the plans of the site and discussed the recent changes. Mr. Biba explained that there has been a recent submittal that DNEP has not had opportunity to review so the plans she provided were not the most recent. Ms. Broadbent added that DNEP will review the recent submittal and will provide the applicant with a response. In response to a question whether the developer is required to mitigate for the tree removal, Mr. Biba responded that there is no law or legislation that require mitigation or enforcement of mitigation for removed trees. Ms. Broadbent agreed to follow up with the Law Office on the changes requested to the City Code sections 17-09 and 14.12 to report at the March 4, 2015 meeting.

### Reserve at Quiet Waters Project

Mr. Barker explained that the public believes that their efforts to provide input on the Reserve at Quiet Waters or the Parkside Preserve project have not been heard. He asked the AEC to come up with a way to arrange for a hearing to be held on this application before it goes before the Planning Commission for final approval. He believes that it would be a tragedy if the project is approved without the community being given opportunity to provide input. **Chair** Murphy asked staff what opportunity would be available to the community to voice concerns. Ms. Broadbent said that there would be opportunity for the public to testify on applications under the new forest conservation act ordinance but that there is no hearings remaining on the Reserve at Quiet Waters project. She suggested that Mr. Barker contact the Planning Commission to see if there is a way for him to testify on the record plat. **Vice Chair** Kissel suggested that Mr. Barker take his concerns to the Environmental Matters Commission.

## III. REGULAR BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

### A. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

### **January 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

During the review of the January 7, 2015 Ms. Hook expressed concern regarding the minutes being a source of contention at the meetings. The AEC agreed to provide corrections in writing to Ms. Hook prior to the meeting for inclusion so that all corrections are distributed to the AEC for review prior to the meeting.

Mr. Weber moved to table voting on the January 7, 2015 meeting minutes to allow for further clarification. Ms. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 9-0.

## **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Water Quality**

#### **No Discharge Zone**

Dr. Riegel will be briefing Alderman Littman on the water quality. He will be meeting with the Maritime Advisory Board on February 17, 2015 at 7:00pm on the Pip Moyer Recreation on the no discharge zone.

Ms. Buchheister toured the Naval Academy stormwater projects and they went over their plans on how they intend to meet their TMDL obligations. They also offered to give the AEC a tour if interested.

Ms. Buchheister mentioned that Bob Agee arranged a group of City department heads and others who are working on climate change issues in an effort to combine the practices for sea level rise and stormwater in order to stretch stormwater fees. There is another meeting scheduled for February 10, 2015.

## **C. Energy**

#### **Renewal Energy – Parking Garage**

Mr. Weber deferred discussion on the Energy to the March 4, 2015 meeting.

Ms. Pogell notified that she will be hosting an energy meeting at her house on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

#### **Maryland Clean Energy Center**

**Chair** Murphy reported that the annual Maryland Clean Energy Center is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2015 at noon in the legislative building regarding parking.

## **D. Development**

Ms. Butler moved to defer discussion the development projects to the March 4, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded.

### **1. Reserve at Quiet Waters Appeals**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

### **2. Crystal Spring Update**

Dr. Riegel thanked all who participated in preparing the formal comments for Crystal Springs. He encouraged members to participate in voting on any issues that require a vote.

### **3. Thomas Woods**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

4. **Primrose Hill on Milkshake Lane**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting. This agenda item was discussed under public input.

5. **Rodgers Property (Bembe Beach Road)**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

6. **The Enclave at Spa Road**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

7. **Hayes Annexation Property**

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8. **Rocky Gorge**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

9. **Griscom Square**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

10. **Annapolis Neck Annexation (Samaras Property)**

The written report was distributed via email and hard copy provided at the meeting.

**E. Outreach/Recycling**

Mr. O'Leary did not deploy newsletter this month but will send one out in the upcoming month. He is still working with Annapolis Green. Mr. Powell will plan to meet with **Chair** Murphy regarding joining the outreach subcommittee. Ms. Butler notified that Greenscape is April 25, 2015 for inclusion in newsletter. Mr. Weber asked that Ms. Buchheister provide information on the state legislature priorities so that they are included in the next newsletter.

**IV. DNEP Report**

Ms. Broadbent reported that DNEP is still working with MEA to be one of the pilot communities for the solar panel portal. Ms. Broadbent noted that the AEC had a discussion at the last meeting regarding having something on the website so that citizens can see the appeals process and was on the website but has subsequently been moved to the front page. Mr. Broadbent will work on arranging a tour of the water treatment plant.

Ms. Butler asked if Ms. Broadbent was able to obtain a copy of the GIS study by Ms. Wampler. Ms. Broadbent will try to obtain a copy of the GIS Powerpoint presentation to submit to the board.

Ms. Buchheister will invite the young woman who wanted to present on the African American involvement in environmental issues to an upcoming AEC meeting.

**V. New Business**

**A. Intern**

**Chair** Murphy is still looking for an intern.

**VI. Adjournment**

**The next AEC meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2015 at 7:00pm at 145 Gorman Street.** With there being no further business, Mr. Weber moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm. Ms. Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 8-0.